

That Which Is Claimed Is:

1. A distribution device of a telecommunications  
5 system, with at least one contact element, the  
contact element having at least two contact  
springs, wherein
  - a) the contact element has a modular structure in  
such a way that the configuration of the  
10 contact element can be modified by modifying the  
modular structure,
  - b) the contact element has a basic module, the  
basic module having the contact springs,
  - c) it being possible to connect one or more  
15 supplementary modules to the basic module, the  
combination of the basic module with the  
supplementary module allowing the configuration  
of the respective contact element to be  
modified.
2. The distribution device as claimed in claim 1,  
wherein the supplementary modules and the basic  
module can be combined with one another in series  
connection.  
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3. The distribution device as claimed in claim 1,  
wherein the configuration of the respective contact  
element is determined by selection of the  
supplementary module the number of supplementary  
30 modules or the sequence of the supplementary  
modules.
4. The distribution device as claimed in claim 1,  
wherein the basic module has inputs and outputs  
35 assigned to the contact springs.
5. The distribution device as claimed in claim 1,  
wherein the supplementary modules have inputs and  
outputs.

6. The distribution device as claimed in claim 4,  
wherein, for a connection of one or more  
supplementary modules to the basic module, the  
5 inputs of one supplementary module engage in  
outputs of the basic module or in outputs of  
another supplementary module, these connections  
between the inputs and the outputs being configured  
using a connector technique.